

LIU beam performance ramp-up

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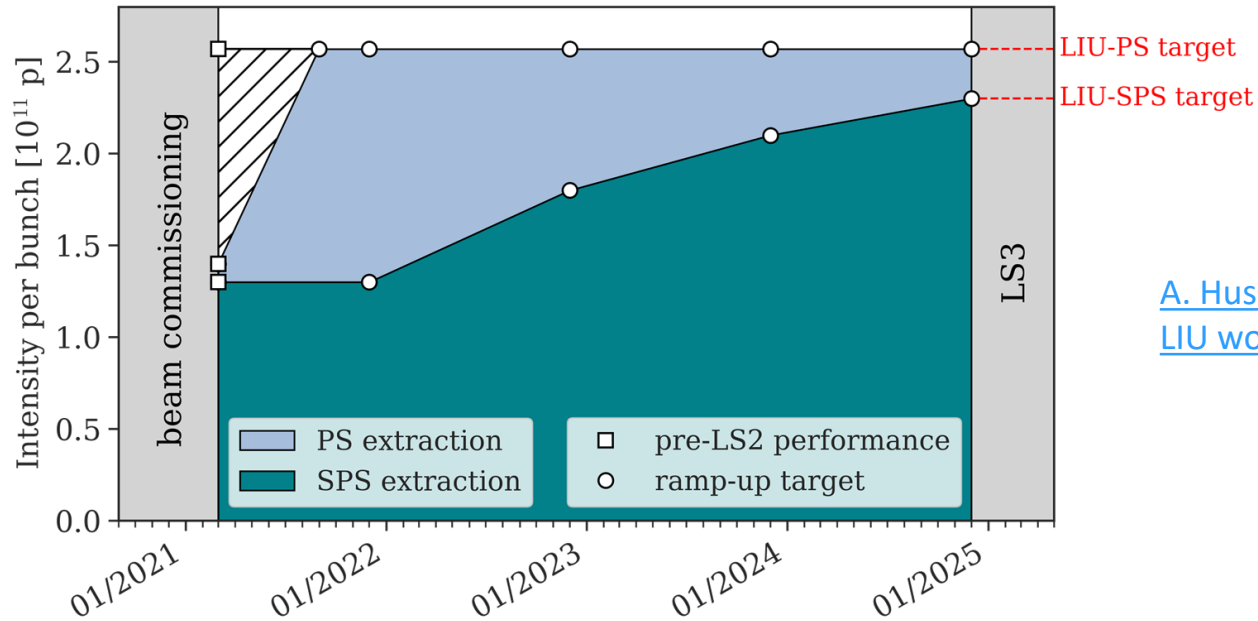
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LIU performance ramp-up plan



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○ Intensity goals of the ramp-up at SPS extraction

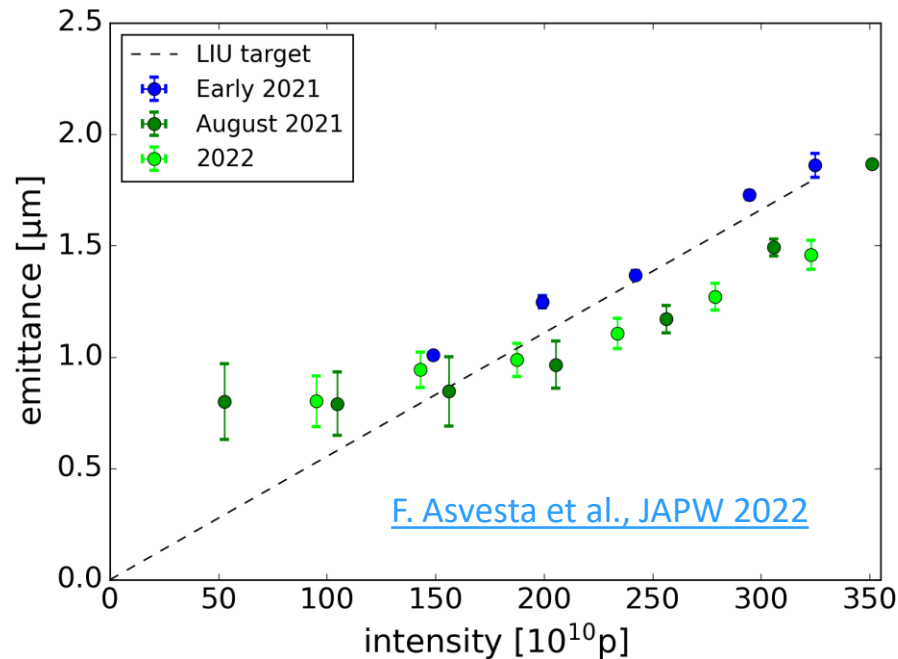
- 1.8e11 p/b in MD by the end of 2022 – to be ready for LHC in 2023
- 2.1e11 p/b in MD by the end of 2023 – to be ready for LHC in 2024
- 2.3e11 p/b in MD by the end of 2024

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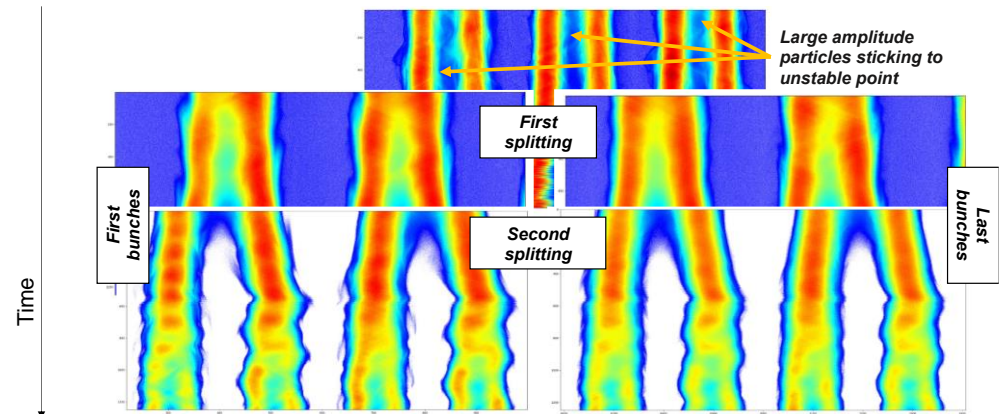
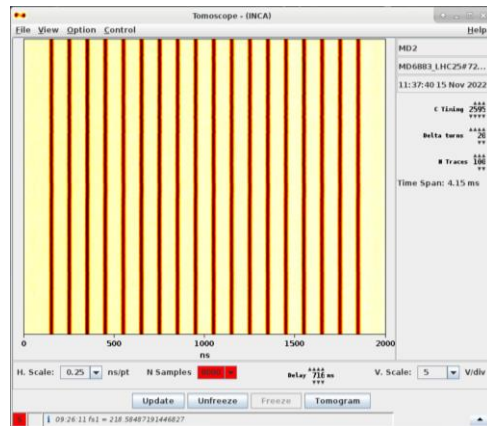
PSB delivering LIU beams

- **Very smooth commissioning of new PSB injection after LS2**
 - Including dynamic beta-beat compensation during collapse of injection chicane
 - Machine performance in very good agreement with simulation models
- **PSB delivering LIU brightness (and beyond!) already since 2021**



PS demonstrated beyond LIU target intensity

- **LIU bunch intensity of 2.6×10^{11} p/b** already recovered in 2021
- **Achieved intensities stably up to 3×10^{11} p/b** – for higher intensities:
 - Quadrupolar longitudinal coupled-bunch instabilities during acceleration
 - 40 MHz RF system as Landau cavity provides sufficient stability
 - Alternatively can be achieved by newly developed **Quadrupole-mode feedback**
- **Since LIU target intensity is exceeded with a good margin, the focus is now on beam quality and reproducibility**

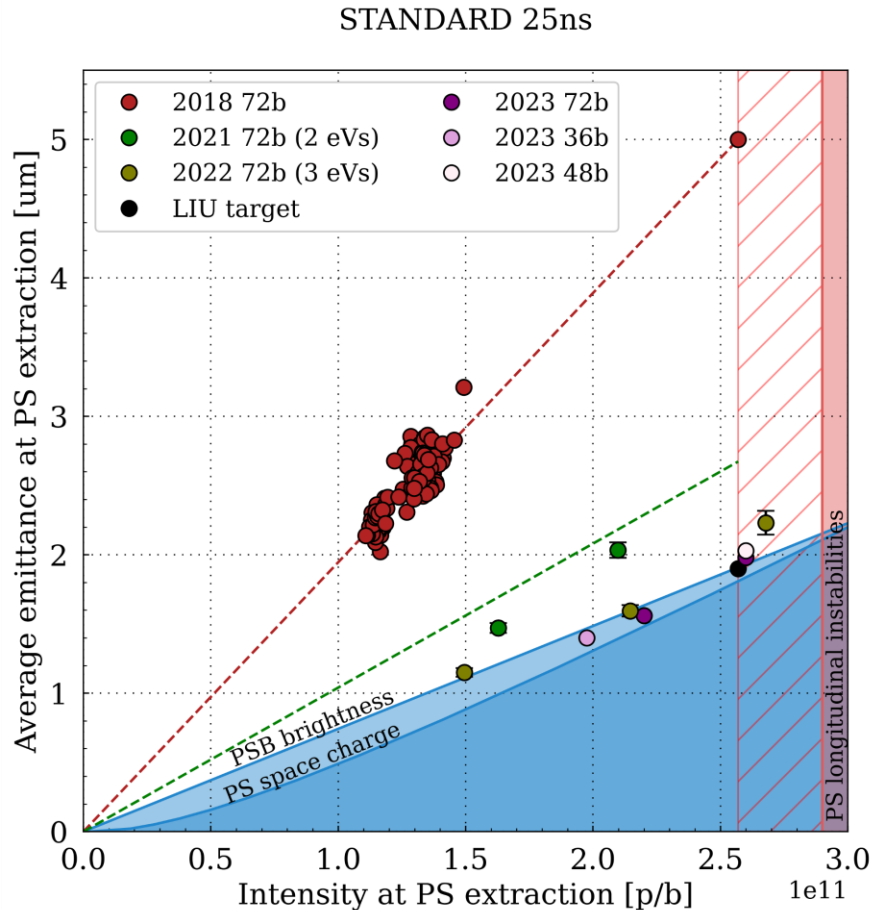


At LIU intensity, these oscillations can cause longitudinal halo

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PS operating at LIU brightness

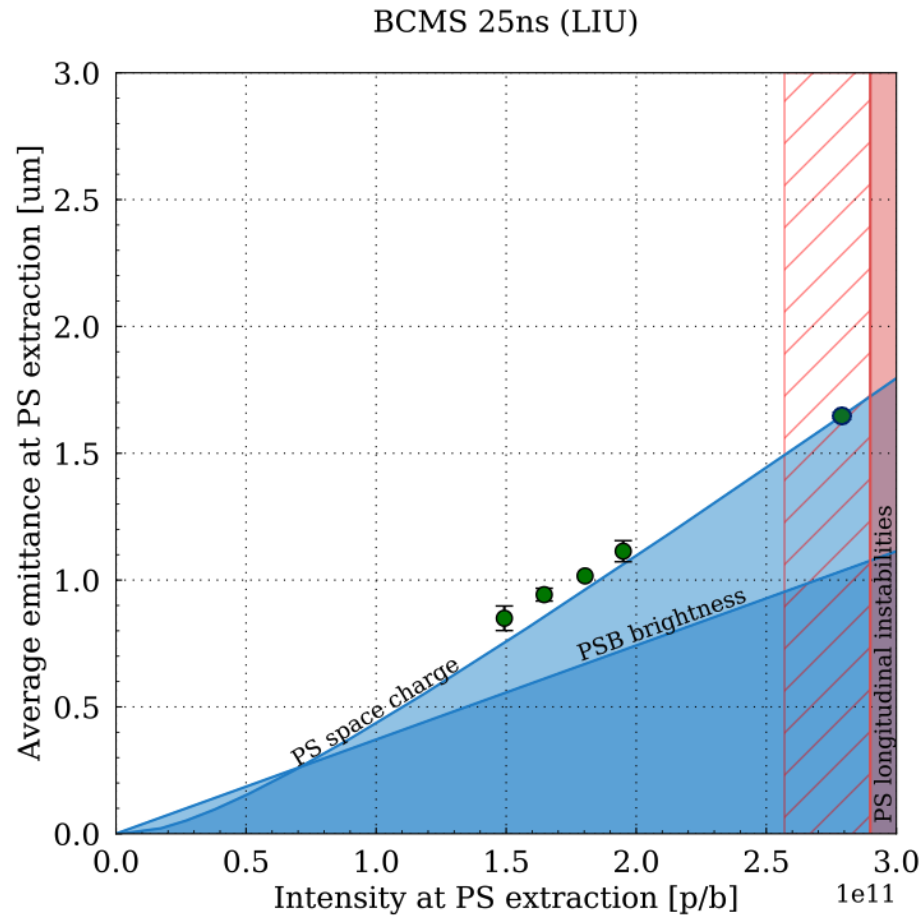
- Commissioning of 3 eVs longitudinal emittance in PSB in 2022 made the final step in the brightness ramp-up for the PS



LIU beam parameters at PS extraction reached

BCMS beam in the PS

- Measurements from 2022 – close to LIU brightness also for BCMS beam

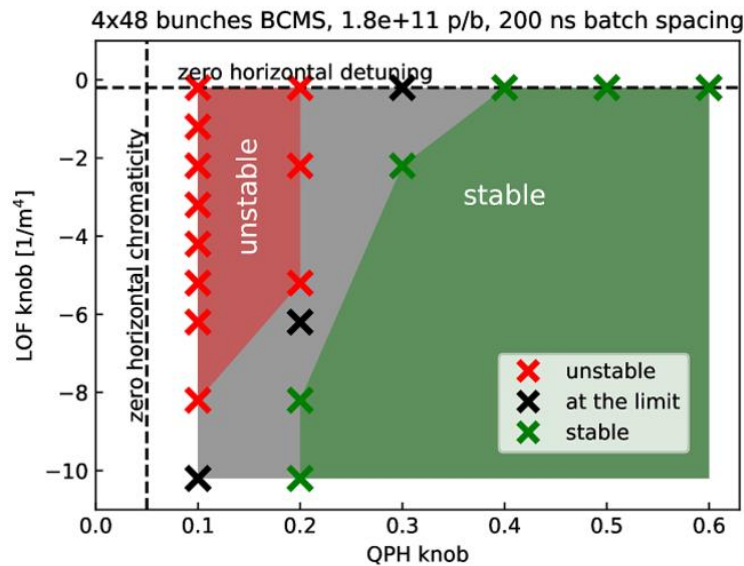


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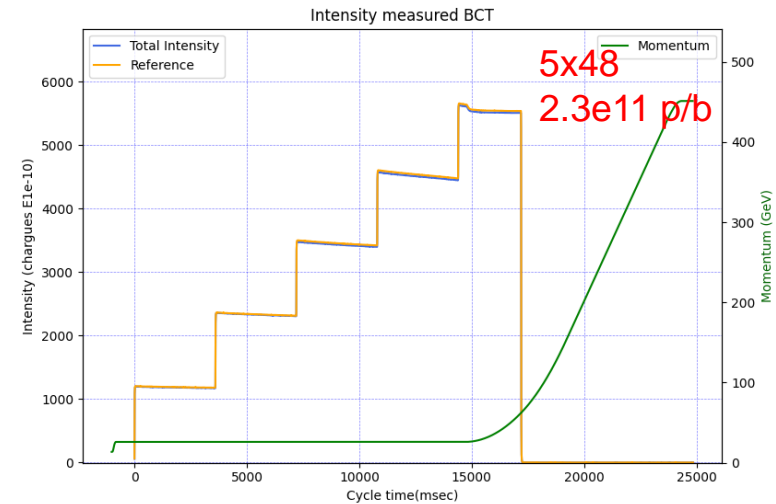
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Horizontal instabilities at SPS flat bottom

- **Horizontal instability characterized in detail in 2018 for $1.8e11$ p/b**
 - Mitigation strategy developed in simulations: **high chromaticity + octupoles**
- **Successfully tested in 2022 for BCMS beams**
 - **5x48 bunches with $2.3e11$ p/b ramped to ~ 50 GeV**
 - About 95% overall transmission at peak performance

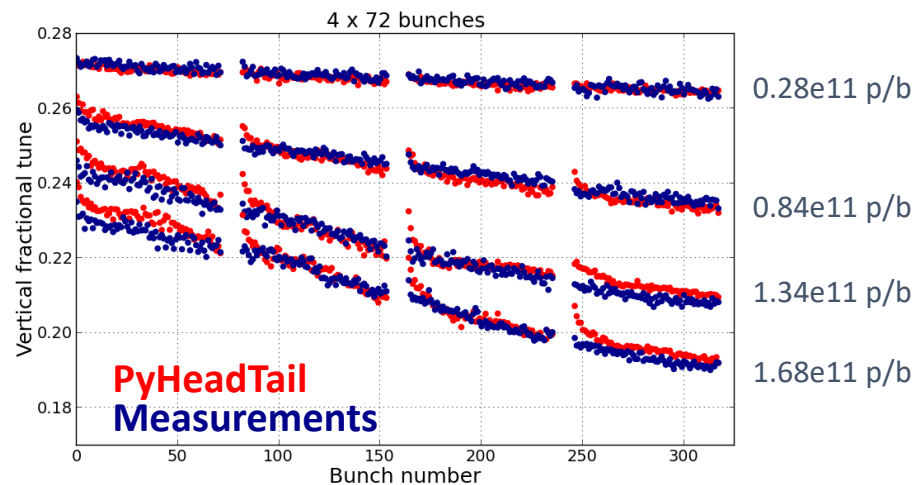
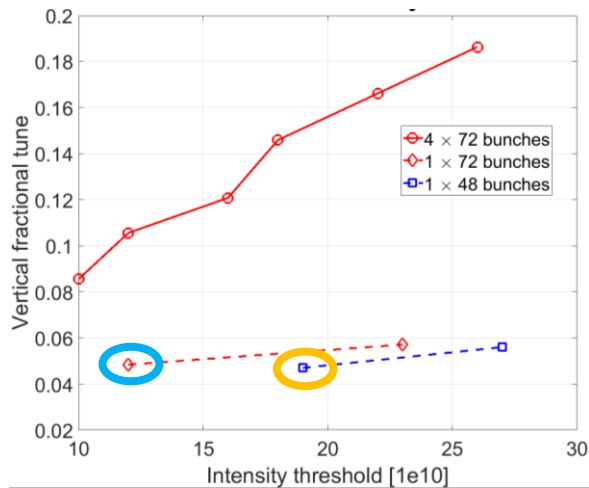


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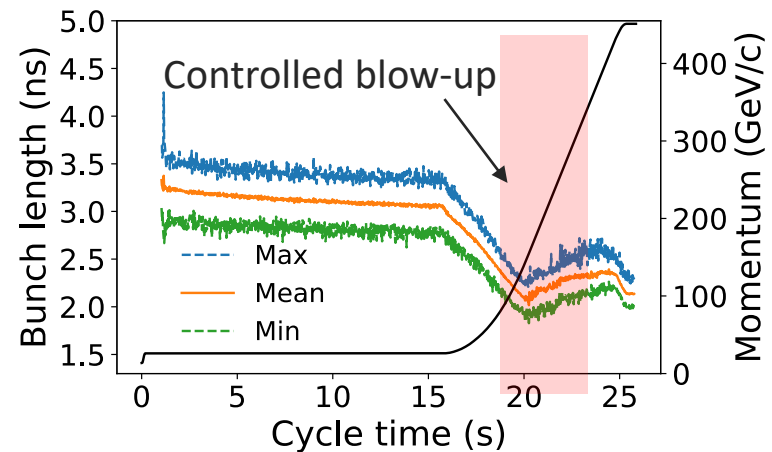
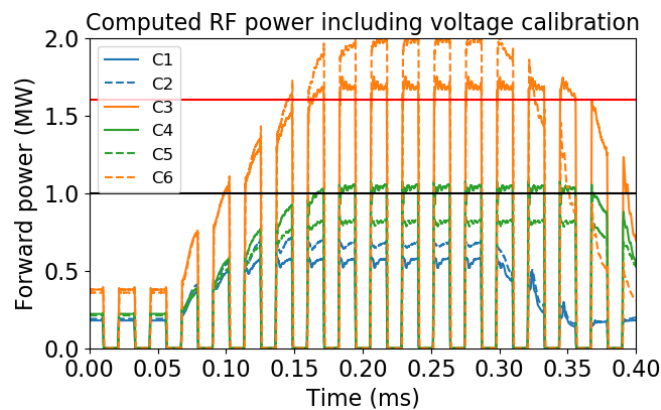
Vertical coupled bunch instability on SPS flat bottom

- Predicted in simulations performed during LS2
 - Extremely fast instability (only few turns risetime)
 - Threshold depends on vertical tune setting (resistive wall instability)
- Experimentally confirmed with 1 batch and low intensity
- Vertical tunes close to 20.25 resonance required for LIU parameters
 - **Control of tunes is critical** due to large tune shift from impedance (“Laslett correction”) – excellent progress on simulations an operational correction



Intensity ramp-up in the SPS – Longitudinal aspects

- **Successful commissioning of new RF system in 2021 and 2022**
 - 1-turn delay feedback, feedforward, longitudinal damper, amplitude modulation
 - **Nominal RF voltage and power available on 4 out of 6 cavities** (SIEMENS plant only 800 kW), failure rate of solid-state amplifier modules to be understood
 - **Significantly improved transmission in the ramp!**
- **Longitudinal stability in check**
 - thanks to optimized voltage program (higher voltage at flat top) and controlled emittance blow-up (with automatized setup)

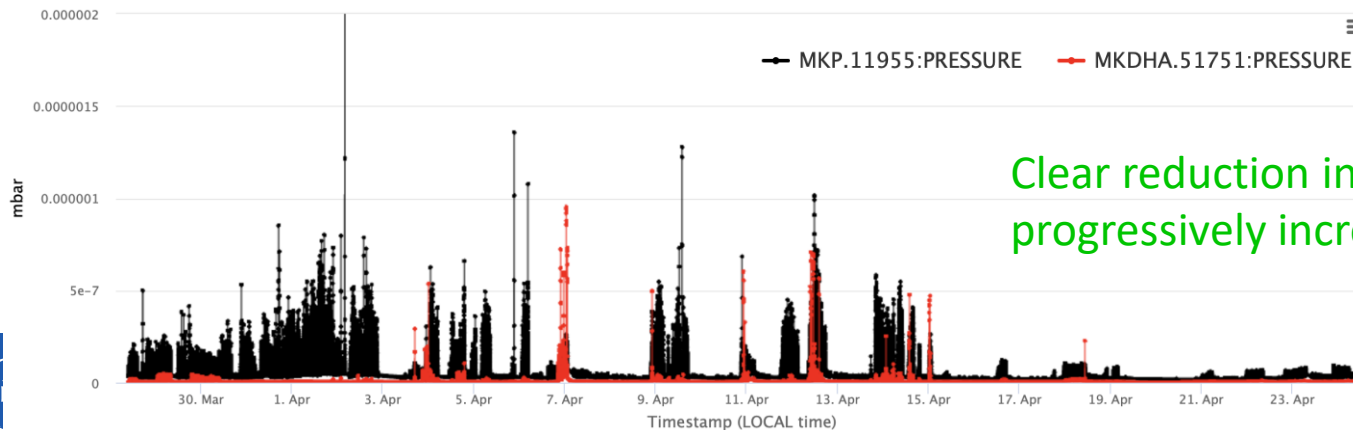
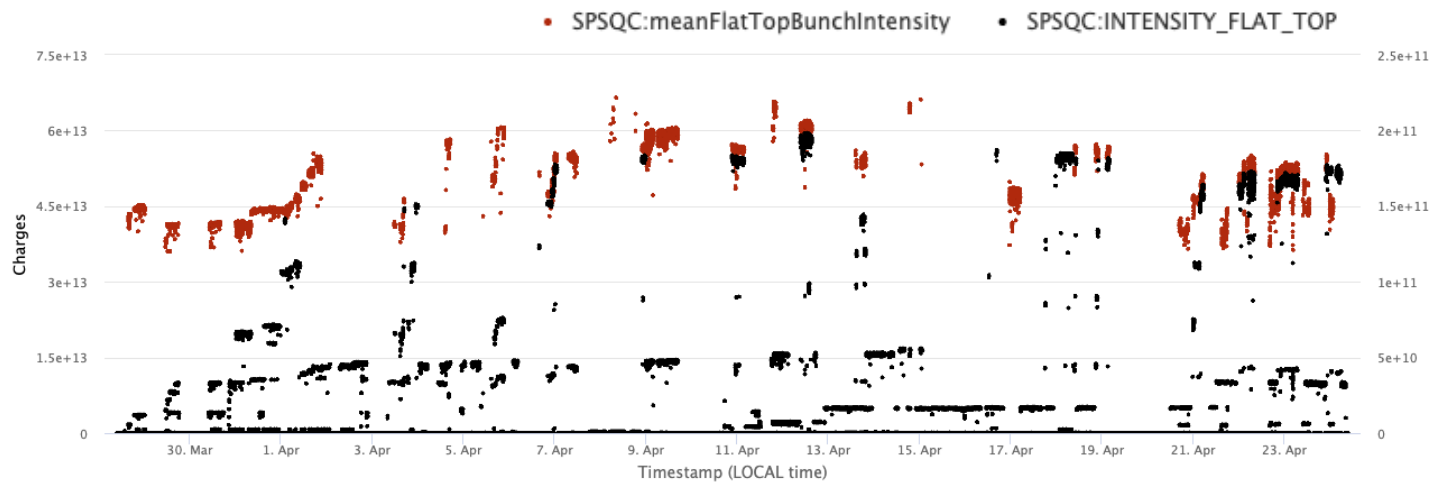


Scrubbing

- **Pressure rise at MKDH limited intensity to $1.8e11$ p/b in 2022**
 - MKDH is the original beam dump kicker from SPS construction
 - Unpredictable pressure spikes at flat top with short bunches

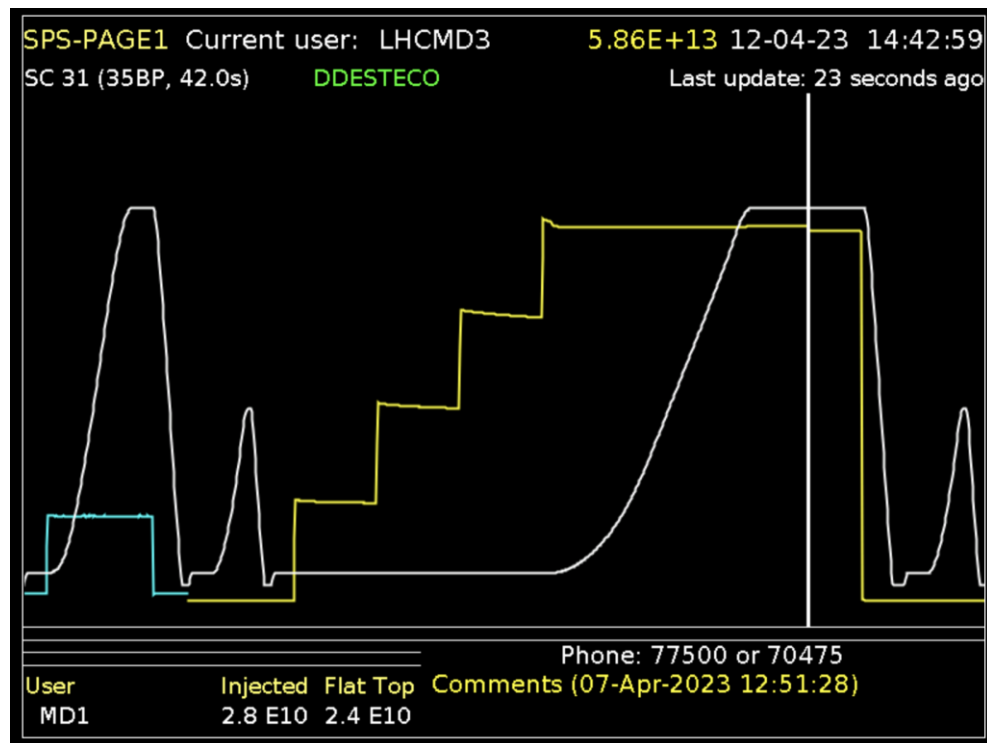
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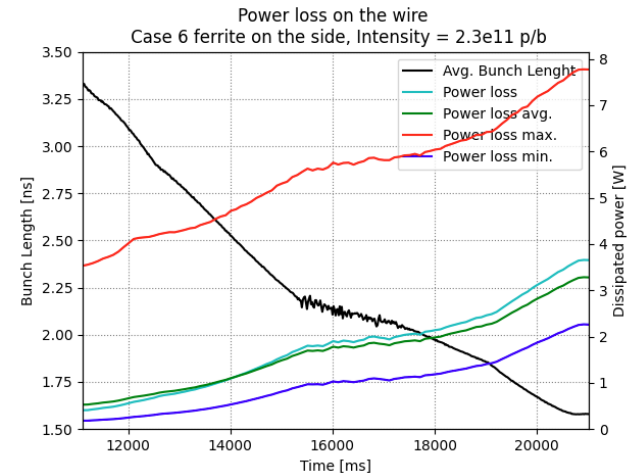
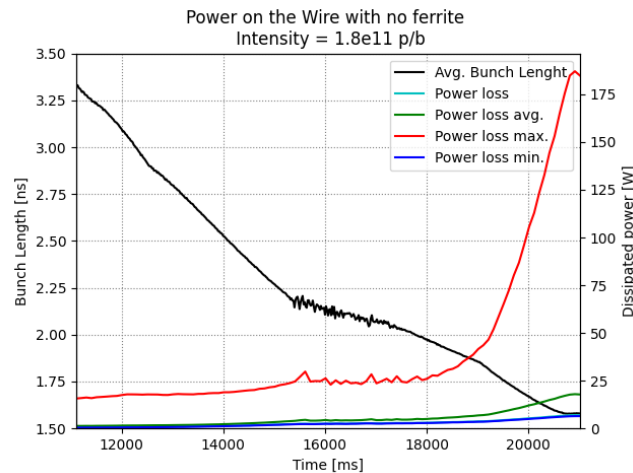
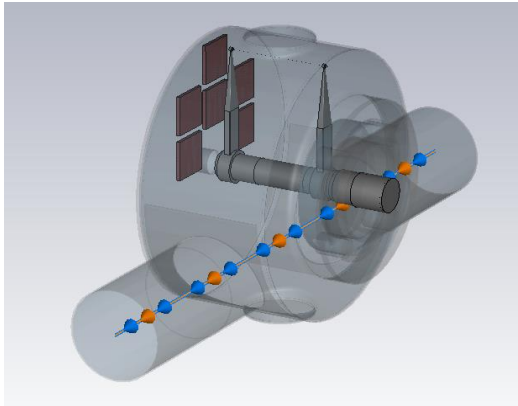
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 - Using cycle with long flat top at 400 GeV + improved vacuum interlock logics gave huge improvement in scrubbing efficiency



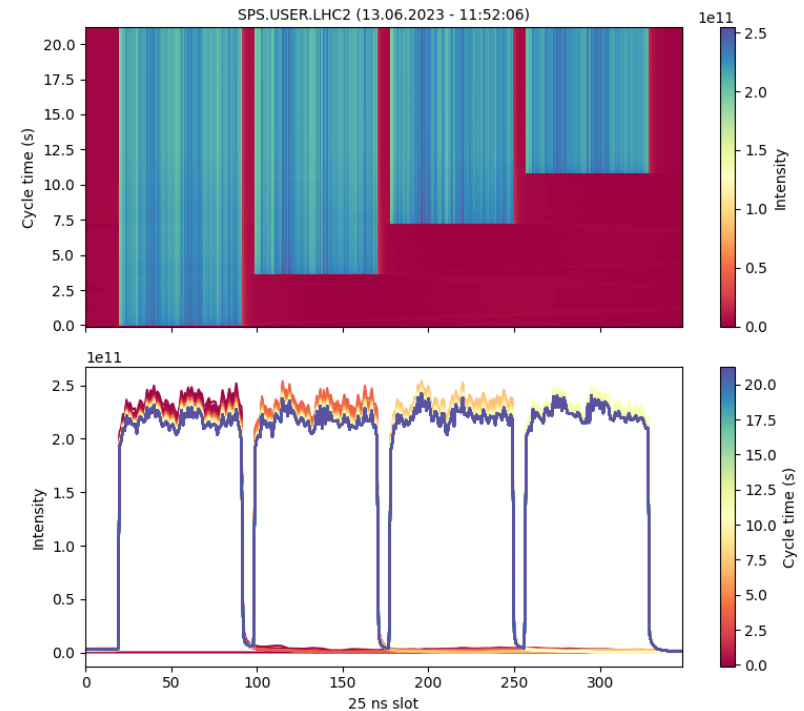
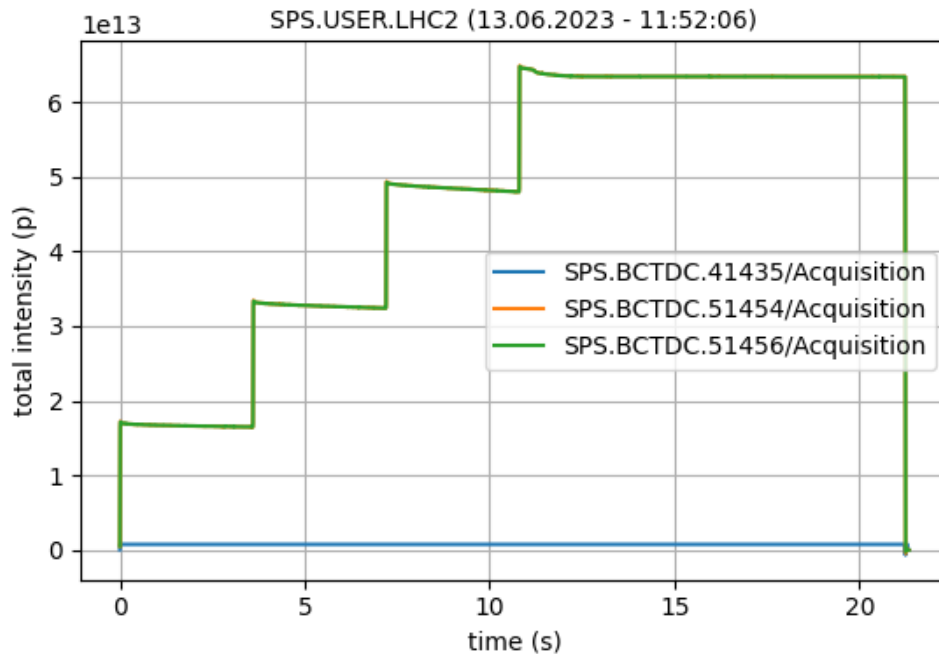
Issue with SPS wire scanners

- **After the scrubbing period realized that wires of all 4 wire scanners broke**
 - New wires were installed in sextant 4, but they broke again after a short while when accelerating the beam (normal flat top length, intensity 1.8×10^{11} p/b)
- **Mitigation strategy developed by SPS wire scanner task force**
 - Suspect impedance at around 800 MHz at origin of failure
 - Installation of ferrites during technical stop to significantly reduce wire heating
 - Observed clear improvement on online “wire temperature” measurement



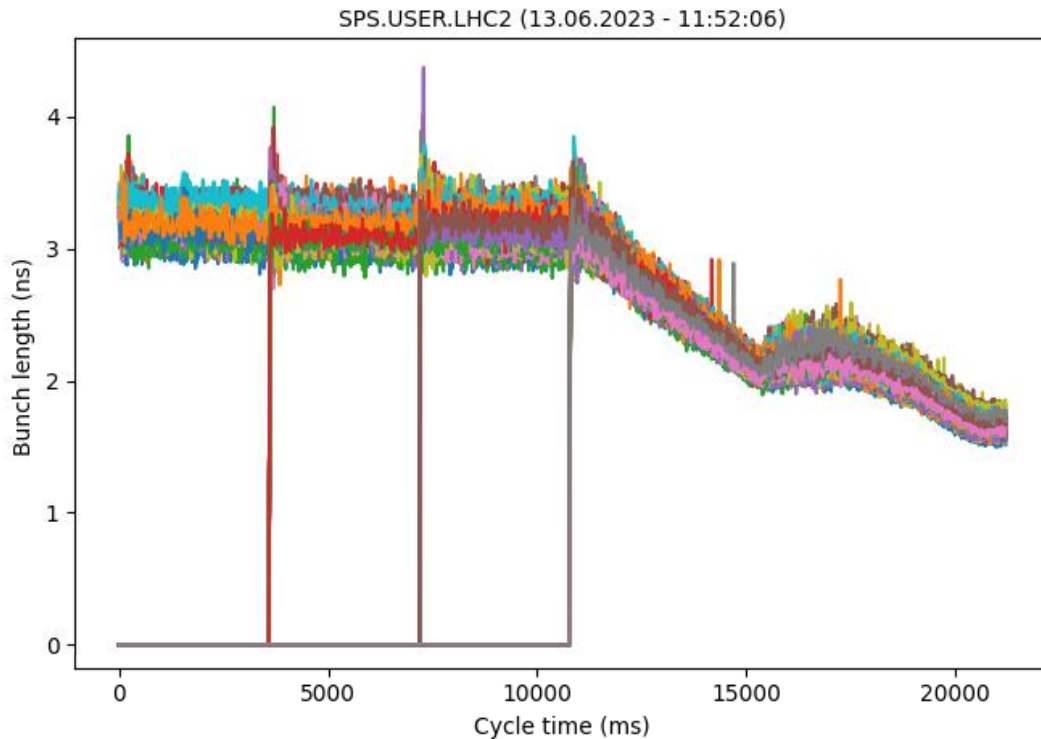
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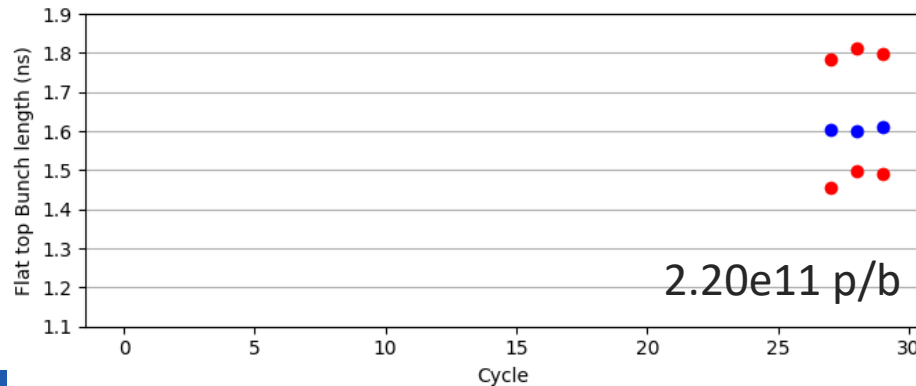
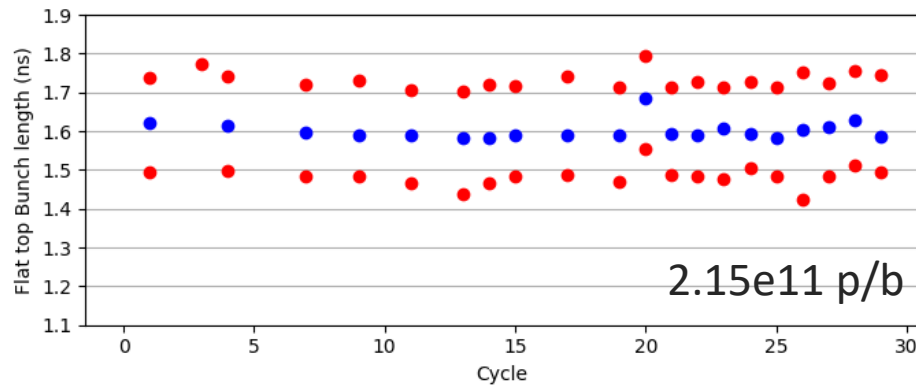
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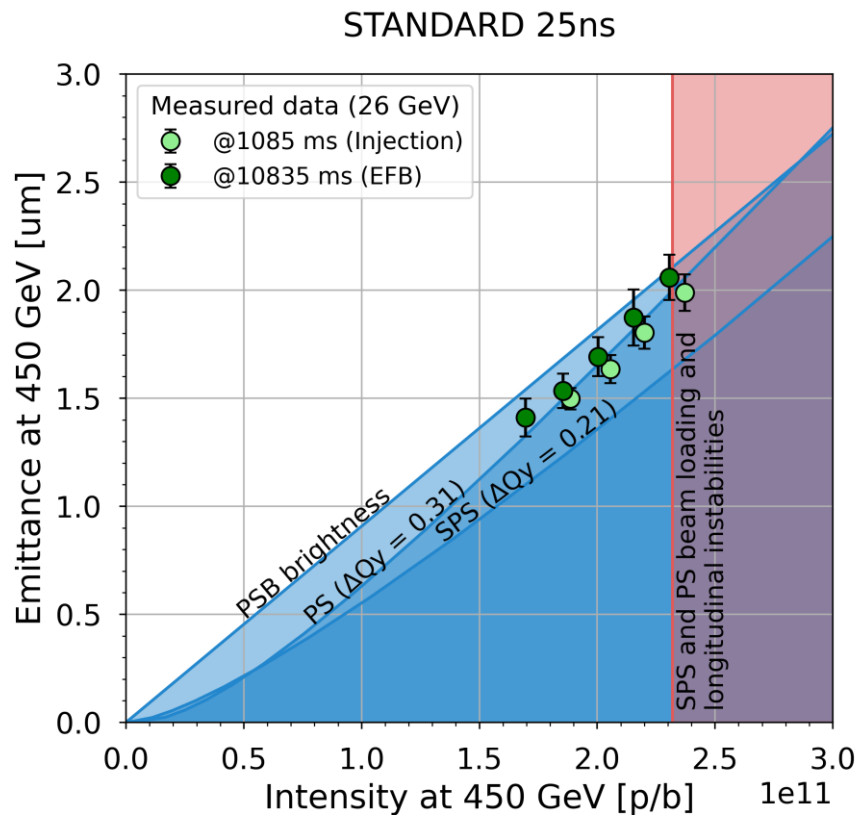
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 - Bunch length at flat top around 1.6 ns – reproducibly!



SPS beam performance achievements – brightness

- **LIU target brightness for standard beam reached (end of SPS flat bottom)** (end of SPS flat bottom)
 - Measurements for BCMS beam planned for upcoming MDs



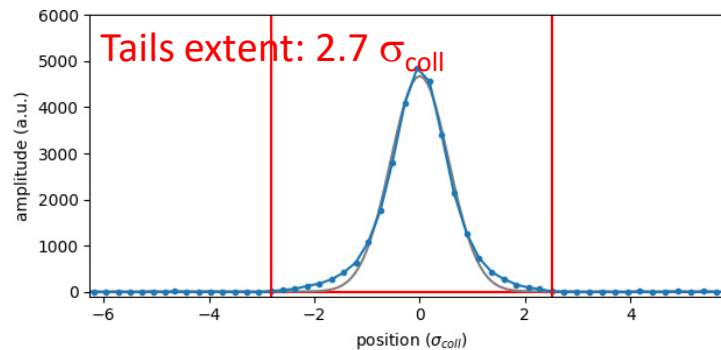
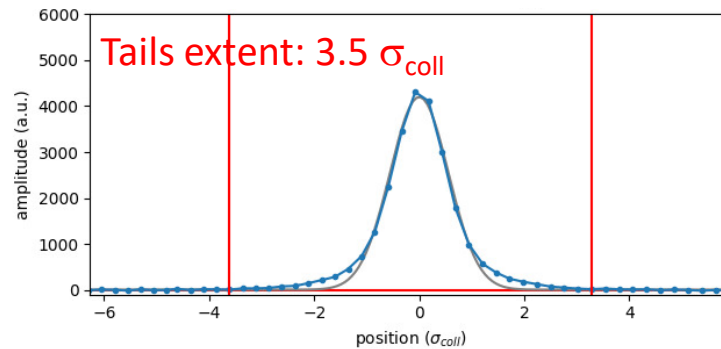
Measurements from July 2023 with 4x72 bunches

Transverse tails

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 - Lots of studies to characterize the tails (q-Gaussian fits, parallel readout of different photomultipliers of the wire scanners)
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Horizontal profiles in SPS

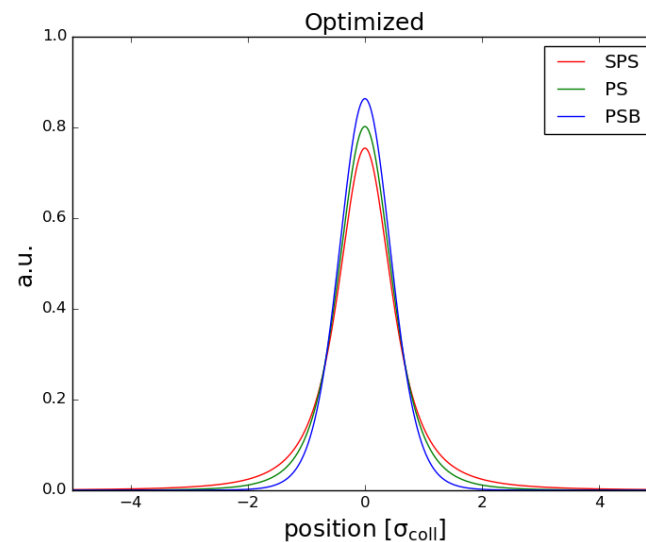
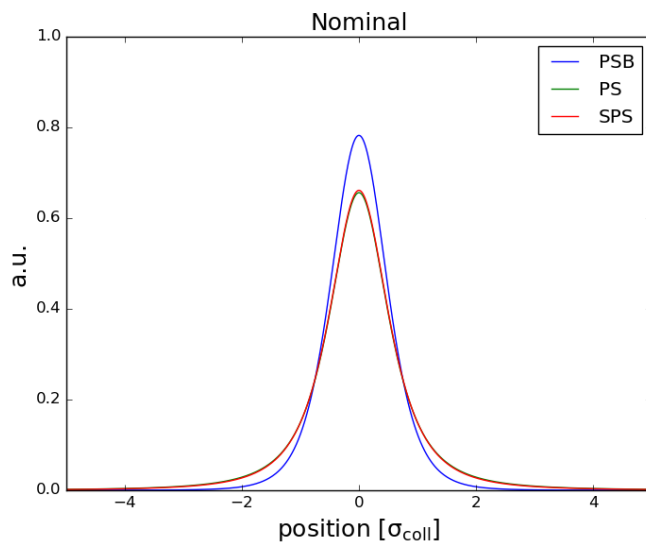
SPS scraping



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- **Optimizations applied in the PSB and the PS (especially in vertical)**
 - Improvement not clear yet in the SPS (and LHC)

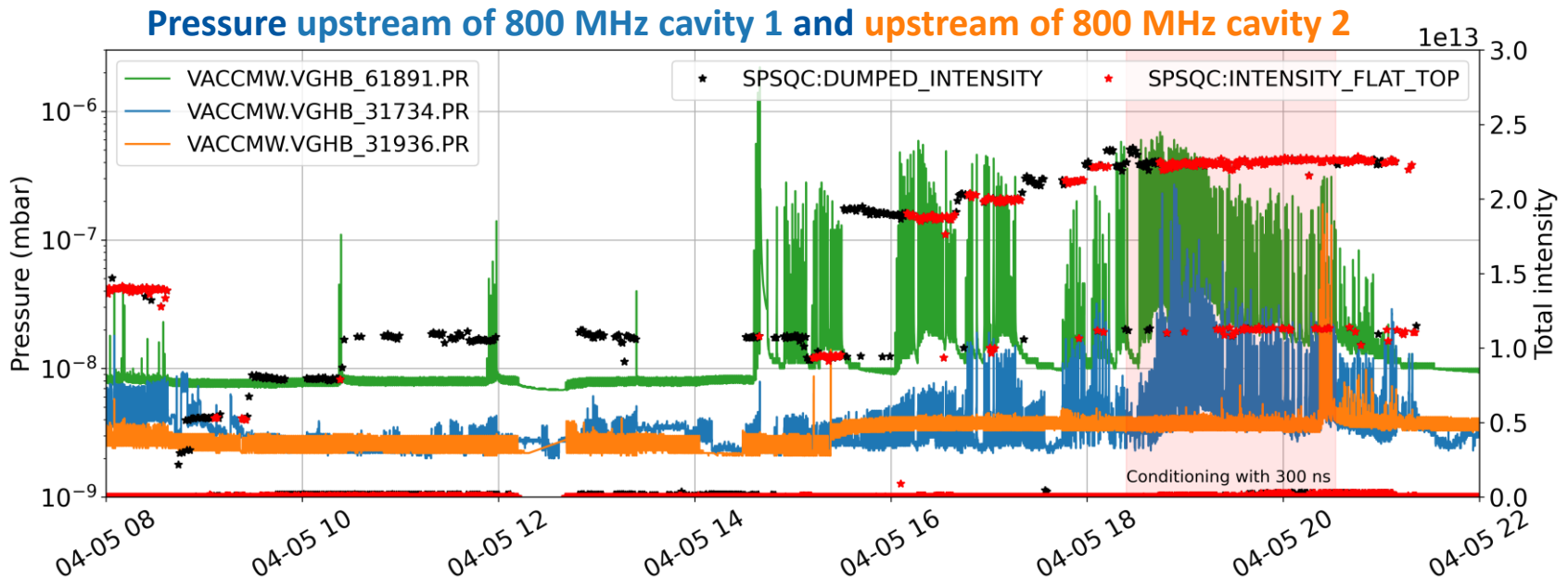


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8b4e beam

- Pressure spikes at 800 MHz cavity 1 limited intensity of 8b4e beam in 2022 to $1.8e11$ p/b with 2 batches of 56 bunches
- First tests in 2023 very promising
 - Clear conditioning observed with 2×56 bunches – could reach $2.2e11$ p/b
 - To be continued with more batches and higher intensity

I. Karpov et al. at IPP, 21.04.2023



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○ Achieved intensities

year	Intensity at FT [p/b]	# of bunches	Batch spacing [ns]	Bunch length [ns]	Beam type	Date
2023	2.2e11	4 x 72	200	1.6	Standard	13.06.
2023	2.0e11	2 x 56	250	1.6	8b4e	05.04.
2023	1.8e11	56 + 5 x 36	200	1.6	hybrid	19.05.

○ Next steps

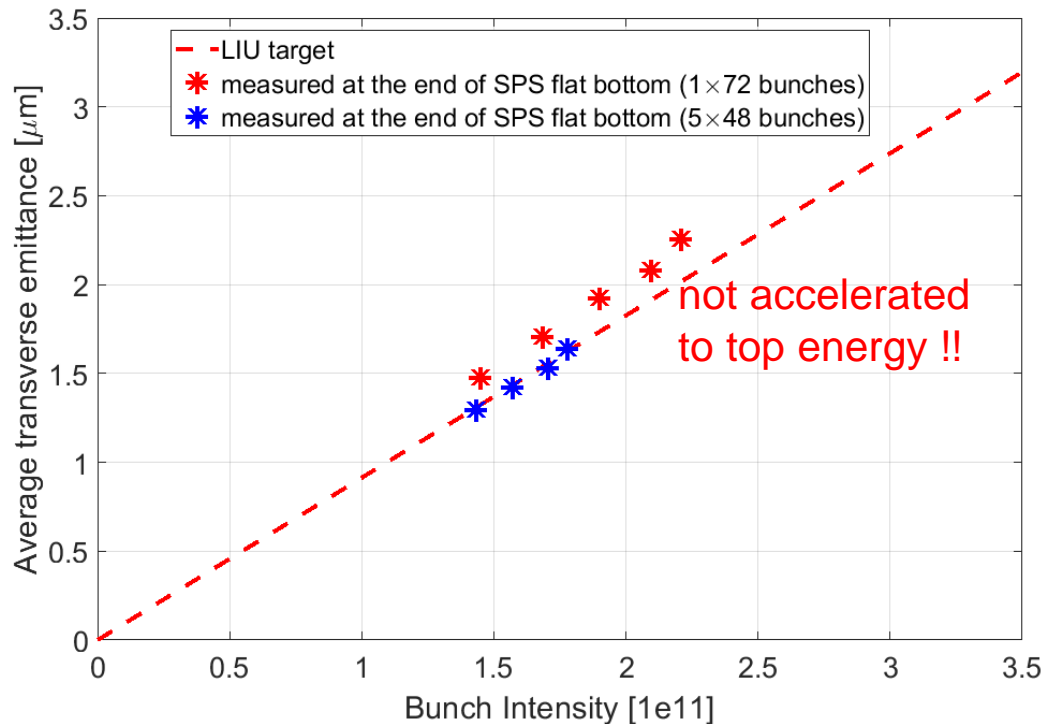
- Demonstrate LIU target intensity (2.3e11 p/b) at flat top
- Half-day event on strategy for kicker conditioning and possible future upgrades
- Minimize tails in transverse beam profiles
- Losses at PS-2-SPS transfer and flat bottom losses
- Need for high bandwidth feedback system to ensure transverse stability?
- Need for coating of SPS or is scrubbing sufficient?
- Study 8b4e intensity reach beyond 2.3e11 p/b as requested by HL-LHC

Thanks for your attention

BACKUP

SPS achieved brightness at end flat bottom

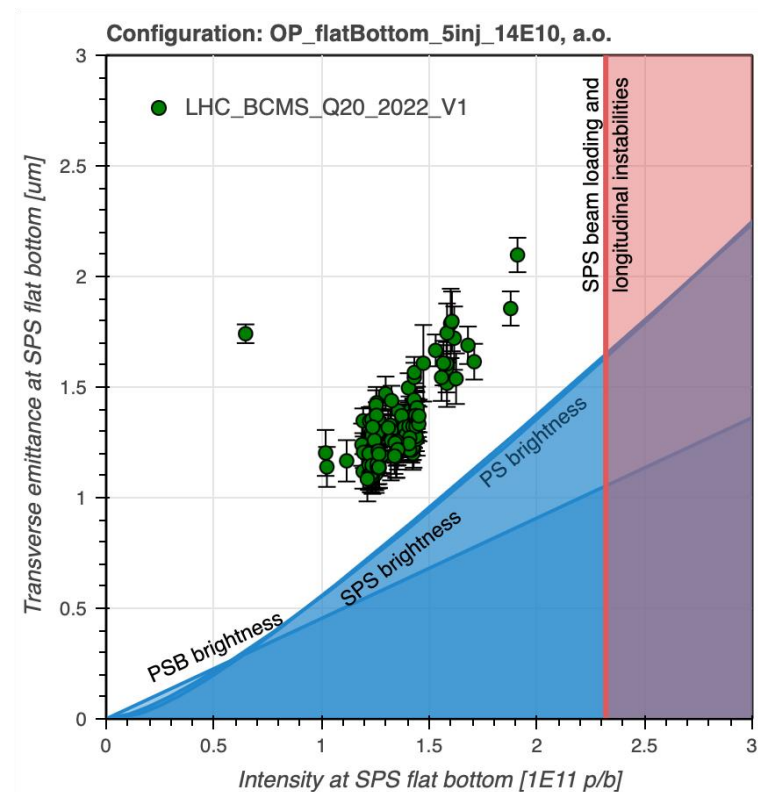
- **Good brightness also in the SPS with some room for improvement**
 - Measurements at end flat bottom (wire breakage for full trains at flat top)
 - **Further working point optimization to be performed in 2023** (considering beam stability and impact on transmission)



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Achieved beam parameters

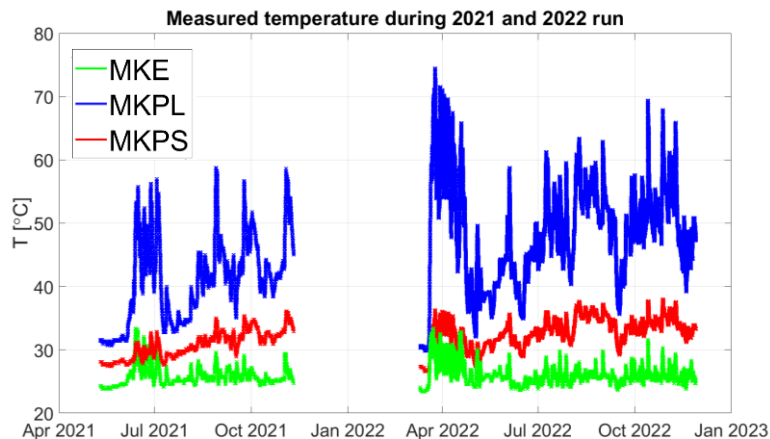
- **Operationally delivered BCMS beams (5x36 bunches) up to 1.5×10^{11} p/b**
 - Large scraping had to be used to avoid losses at LHC injection (see later)



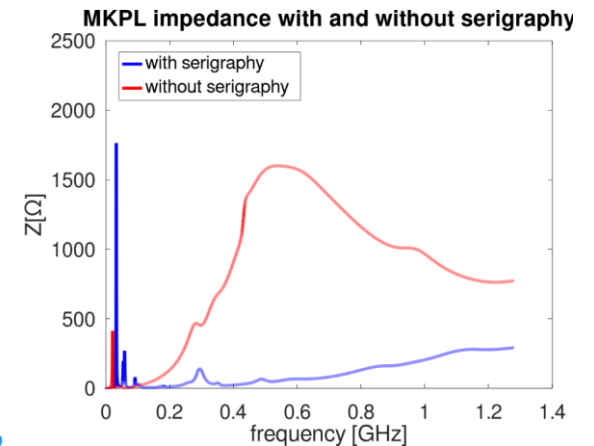
Beam induced heating of SPS injection kicker MKP-L

- **Heating and outgassing limit continuous operation with LHC beams**
 - In 2022 SY-ABT increased temperature limit to cope with scrubbing and high intensity MDs (MKP-L heating much worse than MKP-S)
- **Low impedance upgrade of MKP-L – installation presently ongoing**
 - Serigraphy for impedance reduction (final configuration with very good HV behaviour) + coating to minimize e-cloud
 - **Estimated to need about one week of scrubbing at the beginning of 2023**

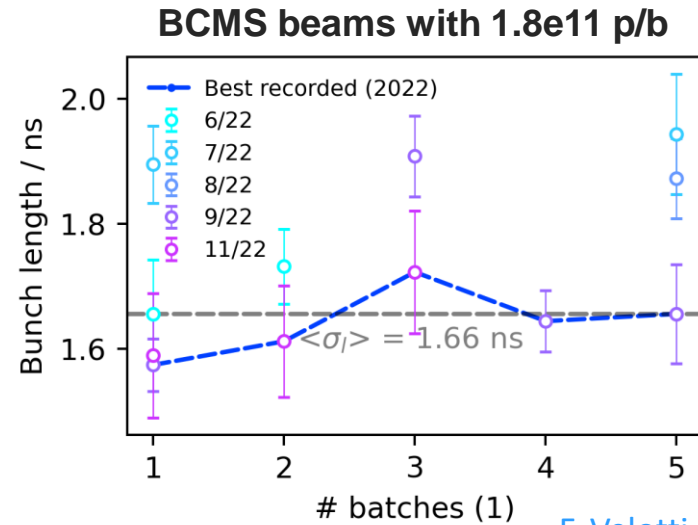
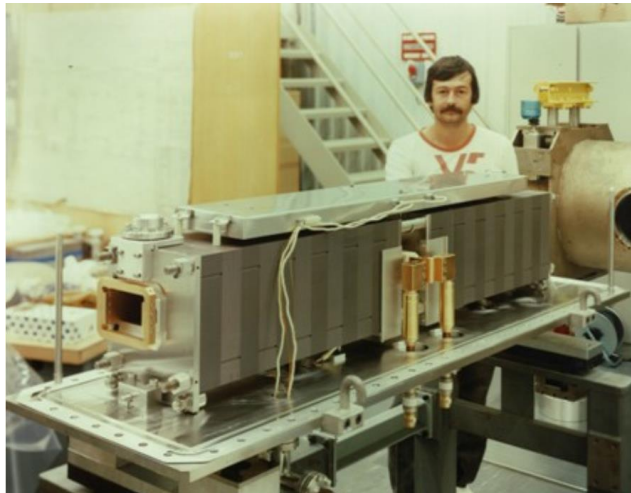
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Pressure spikes at SPS dump kicker MKDH for 25 ns beams



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- **Pressure spikes limit achievable bunch length at flat top (vacuum interlock)**
 - Strong dependence of pressure spikes on bunch length (short bunches are bad)
 - Best performance for BCMS beam towards the end of the year – **conditioning?**
 - In the last MD of the year **reproduced same vacuum behaviour at ~380 GeV**
 - Need to allocate time after scrubbing to try to condition at lower energy with increased interlock threshold – **extra days in the schedule?**
 - **Increase of interlock thresholds in operation being studied (SY-ABT)**